



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaharu ITOH

Group Art Unit: 2616

Application No.: 09/829,949

Examiner: R. CHEVALIER

Filed: April 11, 2001

Docket No.: 104814.01

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA SIGNAL PROVIDING IMAGE PROCESSING  
PROGRAM

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


The personal interview was held with Examiner Chevalier on August 23, 2005, with regard to the above-identified application. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Chevalier at the personal interview. The Summary of the Substance of the Personal Interview is contained in the following remarks.

Applicant presented arguments distinguishing the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 6-9 over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0186958 to Ikeda et al. The points presented by Applicant's representative, during the personal interview, parallel those found in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 filed on July 7, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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